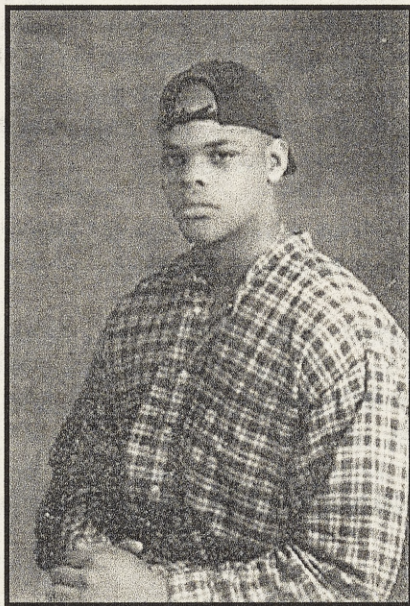


In Loving Remembrance



Andreas Porter
1977 – 2004

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Thursday, February 5, 2004 10:30 AM

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WORDS OF REFLECTIONS

Andreas was born in 1977 in San Francisco, California and worked as a Guidance Counselor at Max Group Home in Daly City. Andreas was the son of Bobbie Porter and Kenneth Booker. His Grandparent's are Richard Porter, Betty Porter, Shirley Harper, and Mr. & Mrs. Booker. His siblings are Kenneth Booker, Rosha Booker, and 5 adopted brothers. He has a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Andreas received Christ at an early age at Little Chapel Church of God in Christ located in San Francisco.

He attended Rafael Wills Elementary School, Benjamin Franklin Middle School, and Visitacion Valley Middle School. He also attended Woodrow Wilson High School and George Washington. He attended Mendocino Junior College, City College of San Francisco, Bowling Green University, and Southern Texas University. He completed a Bachelors Degree in Sociology.

Words that Andreas would share with his family & friends:

Enjoy Life:

Life is a gift we're given each and every day.
Dream about tomorrow, but live for today.
To live a little, you've got to love a whole lot.
Love turns the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Life is a journey
Always worth taking.
Take time to smell the roses...tulips...
And daffodils...and lilacs...and sunflowers.

Count the blessings like children count stars.
The secret of a happy life isn't buried in a
Treasure chest...it lies within your heart.
It's the little moments that make life big.

Don't wait. Make Memories today. Celebrate you life!

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR ANDREAS PORTER

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SCRIPTURE READING.....FATHER JOHN

MASTER OF CEREMONY.....ELDER D. COLLIER

SOLO.....ROSHA BOOKER

REMARKS.....FAMILY, MINISTERS
COACHES, AND FRIENDS

SONG.....DEBORAH & AMANDA FLOWERS

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Gunfire kills 'gentle giant' — few clues

Visitacion Valley youth counselor was much admired

By Jaxon Van Derbeken
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Andreas Porter went back to work in the neighborhood where he grew up.

A group-home counselor was gunned down as he walked from work to his Visitacion Valley home in what may have been a random shooting or a case of mistaken identity, San Francisco police said Monday.

Andreas Porter, 26, was hit once in a burst of gunfire at 11:45 p.m. Sunday on Velasco Avenue at Kelloch Avenue, police said. He died at the scene.

Porter grew up at the now-demolished Geneva Towers public housing project, near where he died. He went to college at Texas Southern University and majored in child development before returning to live and work in the community where he was raised.

Police said that Porter was not in a gang and that there was no apparent reason for the killing. Whoever shot him may have mistaken him for somebody else, or it may simply have been "a random act of violence," said Lt. John Hennessey of the homicide detail.

"There is no reason to believe he was involved in any criminal activity or doing anything that would cause this senseless attack," Hennessey said.

Friends and co-workers remembered Porter as a large man who loved working with youths.

"He was about the kids — he was for the kids," said Mary Ann Carpenter, executive director for MAC's Children and Family Services in Daly City.

Porter came to work at the group home as a counselor in 2001. "He was a big, peaceable guy," she said. "I have nothing but good things to say about him."

"It'll be a big loss for the kids," Carpenter said. "He'd go all the way for them. He would go the extra mile."

Porter went to school at the old Woodrow Wilson High, where he was on the football team. Ernest Madu, a facility manager for the group home, said Porter had dreamed of try-

ing out with the pros. Madu said Porter worked to help children believe that "any goal is reachable."

"His message to the kids was think positive," Madu said. "Never lose sight of your goal; always stay positive. ... It was effective, very effective."

"Everybody is devastated (by Porter's slaying)," Madu said. "This is a big loss."

Porter lived at Heritage Homes, a 148-unit, low-income housing development about 150 yards from where he was shot to death. Tracy Dixon, community resident initiative coordinator at the development, said he had no idea why someone would kill Porter.

"I would just say, knowing this kid, it was bad timing, being at the wrong place at the wrong time," Dixon said.

He said Porter volunteered in the community food pantry, helped tutor kids and coached youth sports.

"He was a gentle giant," Dixon said. "He wanted to bring back to the community. That is why he came back and stayed."

In addition to Porter's slaying, police said they were looking for witnesses to an apparently unrelated killing at 7 p.m. Saturday, when 31-year-old Vernon Green was shot in a courtyard on the 1500 block of Sunnydale Avenue.

"There were several people present, but nobody saw anything," Hennessey said.

The two attacks bring the city's homicide total for the year to eight. There was one killing in San Francisco the entire month of January last year.

"There may be a nexus between a couple of these incidents, but for the most part this is an uncharacteristic spike in violence," Hennessey said.

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